

PATENT: Mail Stop AF
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09952.0018-00000

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:)
Renato CAPONI et al.)
Application No.: 10/568,080) Group Art Unit: 3663
Filed: February 13, 2006)
For: MULTI-STAGE OPTICAL) Examiner: DIACOU, Ari M.
AMPLIFIER OPTIMIZED WITH)
RESPECT TO NOISE, GAIN AND) Confirmation No.: 7439
BANDWIDTH)

Commissioner for Patents
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NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31

Sir:

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's final Office Action mailed September 4, 2008.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time, based on the mailing date of the outstanding final Office action. The petition fee of \$490.00 is enclosed.
2. The Notice of Appeal Fee of \$540.00 is enclosed.
3. A pre-appeal brief conference is requested. The request and supporting documentation are attached.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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